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Required to be sprinkled if theres any Federal money involved and there is. Now if that's what you want, then you go ahead and vote to get rid of 101 and let the Federal people come in.

SPEAKER: A the clerk will read the amendment.

CLERK: Yes, the amendment would go as follows, on page 2, line 13 insert, (Read)

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I wish I could as dramatic as Senator Barnett, but I just can't be because I think he has over emphasized some of the dangers that he talks about because when we talk about those programs, participating in Federal funds, their presently under the Federal regulations and so we can omit that from the argument. I feel, now as to his amendment it tries to spell out some guide lines for regulations under our proposed legislation here. But I feel that if we will go ahead and pass this bill on final reading, and strike the emergency clause, then the department themselves will have sufficient time to work out some changes in the regulations and it will not be a hastily brought up amendment or set of regulations such as is being suggested in this amendment. So I would urge you to oppose the amendment, to go ahead and advance the bill again to final reading and pass it in its present form. I think that the if we strike the emergency clause, that the fire marshals' office will have sufficient time before it becomes law to get regulations that will be satisfactory to their office and also the people involved.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature and Senator Barnett, I think you sat on the committee with us when we studied alot of rules and regulations. The thing that concerns me with your amendment is the fact that we're duplicating again rules and regulations. What we attempt to do in the committee on administrative rules and regulations is to stop duplication. Now let's get these rules and regulations in one department and not in three and four. Now we ask at that time and I'm sure you remember Senator Barnett, if the welfare department, the health department, the agriculture department and the fire marshals office would get together and coordinate their rules and regulations as far as 101 is concerned and all the rest of them and get them in good shape and everyone of them said, you bet ya, and thats the last we saw of them. As far as I know they never appeared again before our committee with any cooperation or coordination what so ever. Somewhere along the line, we must take a firm stand, so that these departments, these four especially will coordinate their rules and regulations. Now I realize that we can save Federal Government and everybody runs for cover. But I can well assure myself at least so that if the Federal Government has rules and regulations governing those departments, or those homes, that the participate in, they will be enforced regardless of whether we enforce them or not. Now its not anyones intention and I don't want anybody to get up and try and put this Legislature on the stop, such as the State fire marshal has tried to do in the past, that we're trying to do anything that endangers life or limb, of anyone in this State of Nebraska. We are not going to do it, but I resent the State fire marshal, getting into the act here again and I'm sure he must be, with the fact that this Legislature by enacting Legislation will endanger peoples lives. This is not the intent, this is not the intent of this bill, nor is the intent of this legislature